Rep. John Campbell has joined a new alliance of lawmakers who are taking a decidedly conservative stance on hot-button issues such as Social Security reform and making English the official language of the United States.

The project, an alliance of about 20 senators and representatives, claims it wants to invoke the spirit of President Reagan with the name Reagan 21. Campbell founded the group along with Republican Sens.

Tom Coburn of Oklahoma and Jim DeMint of South Carolina, and Republican Representatives John Shadegg of Arizona, Jeb Hensarling of Texas, Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Thomas Price of Georgia.

"Today, Congress has a record-low approval rating of 11%. Republicans lost the majority in part because they spent too much, had ethical lapses and did not deliver on illegal immigration and other issues "Campbell wrote in an editorial published in the Washington Times Wednesday.